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US Highway 85 south of Watford City open to one lane traffic

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol have opened US Highway 85 approximately 14 miles south of Watford City at the Long X Bridge to one-lane of traffic. The Long X Bridge will be reduced to one lane with one way traffic allowed at a time. Flaggers will be present to direct traffic until signals are in place.

NDDOT officials inspected the bridge this morning and determined that it is structurally sound. Repair work will be conducted on the damaged overhead beams while the bridge is reduced to one lane. The construction and repair project is estimated to be completed by May.

Truckers are advised that only legal load limits are allowed on the roadway and a 15 feet width restriction is in place until further notice. Motorists are encouraged to use caution when driving by reducing speeds and obeying flaggers and posted signs.